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**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace all prior versions of the abstract with the abstract below:

The invention relates to a method for monitoring a measurement device, in particular a flow measurement device, and to a measurement device itself. In order in this case to reliably preclude measurement errors resulting from incorrect installation, the invention proposes that a characteristic variable is calculated from a time series  $s(t)$  of the measurement signal of a measurement device and is compared with previously recorded reference values, with this being used as the basis to automatically generate a message as to whether the measurement device has been installed correctly or incorrectly.

~~See the figure with respect to the Abstract~~